

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the thoroughness and quality of explanation associated with the Advisory Action of Paper No. 20061201 and the supplement thereto embodied in Paper No. 20061212. Please consider the following amendments in the context of a request for continued examination. By way of this amendment, the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 has been amended commensurate with the current status of the specification objections found in Paper No. 20061201, section 11, page 2. Additionally, the specification has been amended to again recite consistent with the original specification that "A—R₁ is a cholesterol derivative" with support being found in the specification as originally filed.

By way of this amendment, claims 8, 20 and 22 have been amended while claims 17 and 21 are canceled. The amendment common to both independent claims 8 and 20 is the specific recitation of A—R₁ being a cholesterol derivative is selected from a specific Markush group of cholesterol derivatives exclusive of cholic acid.

As the prior art of record has in common the teaching of cholic acid as a cholesterol derivative and cholic acid is specifically excluded from the definition of A—R₁ as recited in the pending claims, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

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